

**Governor's State Advisory Council on Early Childhood
Education and Care**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting on June 16th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza, 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison

Members present:

Eloise Anderson
Tony Evers
Ann Terrell
Delores Gokee-Rindal
Lupe Martinez
Lilly Irvin-Vitela
Peter Kelly
Linda Leonhart
Kia LaBracke
Ruth Schmidt
Mary Anne Snyder
Carolyn Stanford Taylor
Jon Stellmacher
Richard Schlimm
Jennifer Thayer
Dave Edie
Rolf Wegenke
Richard Telfer for Kevin Riley
Becky Kikkert
Rolf Wegenke
Elaine Richmond
Linda Davis
Shelley Cousin
Fredi-Ellen Bovi
Nancy Armbrust

Staff present:

Jill Haglund
Jane Penner-Hoppe
Courtney Sullivan

Presenters:

Leslie McAllister, DCF
Linda McCart, DHS
Dennis Winters, DWD
Jon Stellmacher, PWES
Peter Kelly, United Way

Others present:

Melissa Wavelet
Bob Jones
Rod Packard
Hilary Shager

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<p>Welcome Introductions</p>	<p>Secretary Anderson</p> <p>Superintendent Evers</p>	<p>The meeting was opened, with members and guests welcomed by Secretary Anderson and Superintendent Evers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were thanked for their commitment to the Council. • New members were introduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fredi-Ellen Bove, Division Administrator for the Division of Safety and Permanence ○ Elaine Richmond, Division Administrator, Division of Early Care and Education • Introductions were made. • Today's meeting will address progress since the last Council meeting and help set the stage for next steps. First some updates.
<p>Focused Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCF 	<p>Secretary Anderson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Wavelet provided an update on KidStat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KidStat is DCF's approach to managing and using data to improve performance for DCF programs. ○ This relates to the Council's broader mission to look at data for early childhood systems across departments and across time. ○ ECAC Steering Committee report will provide more information on cross-department efforts to collect data to inform and improve service delivery for children and families • An update on YoungStar was provided by Elaine Richmond. As of May, 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,944 programs have applied to participate - 1,434 group and 2,510 family; 2,553 have their ratings pending; 16 – 1 Star; 1,153 – 2 Star; 33 – 4 Star, and 189 5 Star. • Pending ratings are when a program has not received a technical assistance visit to receive a technical rating. • YoungStar Consortium are scheduling those visits to ensure programs are getting rated and accessing technical assistance to help prepare them for their rating. ○ Delayed start date for tying to reimbursement – changes in reimbursement will start July 1,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPI 	<p>Superintendent Evers</p>	<p>2012; implementation well under way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will allow programs more time to receive support and education so they can increase their star rating by the time tiered reimbursement goes into effect. ○ By January 1, 2013, programs at the 5 Star level will receive a 25% increase in their Wisconsin Shares reimbursement. ○ Need your help in encouraging programs to participate and take advantage of education and technical assistance supports available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTHER DCF Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CCDF plan will be submitted at the end of the month; will be amended when we know final impact of 2011-2013 budget; thank you council members for reviewing and offering feedback. ○ Elaine will be serving on Council Steering Committee that you will hear much more about later through out today's meeting as her (or my) schedule allows moving forward. ○ It is expected that the Head Start Collaboration Office and Linda Leonhart will be moving to DPI over the summer. ○ Fredi Bove will provide updates regarding the home visiting initiative later in the meeting. • Race to the Top – Early Learning Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still waiting for details. The guidance is expected by the end of August with a 4-8 week turn around. The grants are expected to be awarded by December 2011. ○ At this time, we anticipate DPI taking the lead and working in strong partnership with the Governor's Office, DCF, the ECAC, and the other stakeholders. • 4K continues to grow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 41,176 children enrolled in 4K this year. ○ 85% of districts offer 4K (350 of the 414 total elementary districts) ○ 17 new districts this school year ○ 14 start-up grants in the approval process for next school year ○ 105 Districts partner with child care and/or Head Start to implement the program and services
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPI is currently working with the Wisconsin Head Start Association to adjust the funding structure for the Head Start State Supplemental Grants to reflect the 10% cut in funding. • Governor's <i>Read to Lead</i> Task Force. The work of this group is of interest to ECAC in connection to early literacy assessment and its place within a comprehensive early childhood system. We will be talking about this briefly within the ECAC Steering Committee's report. • The Children's Health Alliance is sponsoring the statewide <i>Reach Out and Read</i> program, involving a partnership with pediatricians.
Approval of the February Minutes	Secretary Anderson	Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Committee Reports	Superintendent Evers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale for elevation of an ECAC Steering Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The previous committees did much of their work together anyway. ○ It seemed a good way to maximize resources and meeting time. ○ A smaller group was needed to meet a variety of timelines. • Steering committee members were introduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dave Edie ○ Nancy Armbrust (Co-Chair) ○ Dennis Winters ○ MaryAnne Synder (Co-Chair) ○ Jim Leonhart ○ Elaine Richmond (DCF) ○ Jennifer Thayer (DPI) ○ Linda Leonhart (Liaison)
Steering Committee Report 1. Successful States 2. Data 3. Public Private Partnerships 4. Screening and Assessment 5. Home Visiting 6. Other	Steering Committee Co-Chairs	<p>ECAC staff continue to be Jane Penner Hoppe (DCF), Jill Haglund (DPI), and Linda McCart (DHS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Steering Committee PowerPoint was introduced by Mary Ann Snyder, with sections covered by Nancy Armbrust, Dave Edie, Dennis Winters, Linda McCart, Linda Leonhart, Jon Stellmacher, and Jim Leonhart. It included a discussion on Milwaukee's new Integrated Data System which was presented by Ann Terrell. • Directions for a level-of -participation survey were

		provided. An electronic version of the survey will be sent to Council members prior to the next meeting.
	Jane Penner-Hoppe	<p>Council timelines were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional development ○ Screening and assessment recommendations • Refine recommendations for the 2011 ECAC report for consideration at the next meeting. • Public input will be solicited in August on preliminary recommendations. • DPI will hire Longitudinal Data System staff that will continue planning on LDS, resulting in a work plan by the end of the year. • The 2011 ECAC report and recommendations will be completed by the end of the year.
<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Input – August 11 • Next Meeting The September 24th meeting was postponed until October 4th. 	Secretary Anderson	<p>Next steps were reviewed, including a public input session planned for August 11th.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the next meeting will include a report on progress on the work of the Council.</p>
Adjourn	Secretary Anderson	Council members and guests were thanked for their attendance and ongoing support for the work of the ECAC.